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MS PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b), is a Continuation application of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/07808 filed on July 31, 2002.

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For: CIGARETTE FILTER

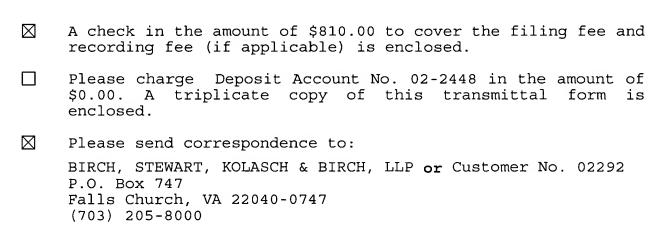
Enclosed are:

| \boxtimes | A specification consisting of seventeen (17) pages |
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| \boxtimes | Two (2) sheet(s) of formal drawings |
| | Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27. |
| | Applicant does not claim priority |
| | Applicant claims the right of priority under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a) based on Application No(s). 2001-235202 filed in Japan on August 2, 2001. Certified copy(ies) is(are) attached hereto. Certified copy(ies) will follow. |

| \boxtimes | Priority of PCT International Application No. PCT/JP02/07808 filed on July 31, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 120. | | | | | |
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| \boxtimes | Executed Declaration 🛛 Original 🗌 Photocopy | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | An assignment of the invention | | | | | |
| | Preliminary Amendment | | | | | |
| \boxtimes | Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 with reference(s) | | | | | |
| | Other: | | | | | |

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| | BASIC FEE | | \$770.00 | \$385.00 |
| 4 | NUMBER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE FEE | RATE FEE |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | 7- 20 = | | X 18 = \$0.00 | x 9 = \$0.00 |
| INDEPENDENT CLAIMS | 2- 3 = | | x 86 = \$0.00 | x 43 = \$0.00 |
| | LE DEPENDEN PRESENTED | T | + \$290.00 | + \$145.00 |
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